

CT-52

CHARLES STEWART HOUSE
(James Smith Cabin)

ea. 19th. c.

Of interest for its small size and simple detail this one story frame cabin is three bays in length and has a single exterior chimney of stone and brick construction at one end.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

MACI # 050052804

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

James Smith Cabin

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

(MD 265) Mackall Road, South side of Parran Road

CITY, TOWN

St. Leonard

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Calvert

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO**PRESENT USE**☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Ben Parran

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Mackall Road, South side of Parran Road

MD

CITY, TOWN

St. Leonard

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Calvert County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CT-52

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Although the frame-and-clapboard building contains modern materials, its plan and exterior create a Nineteenth Century appearance. This is derived in part from the single room plan but even more so from the massive stone chimney on the west end. The base and shoulder of this chimney (first 8 1/2') are made of fieldstone, brick rubble, and mortar. It measures 3' in depth and 6' in width. The stack is brick. This chimney serves a large fireplace within that is covered with a mantel that is 9' long and 3" thick. It was roughly hewn and retains the gouges of an axe.

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Such chimneys and fireplaces are common to Nineteenth Century tenant houses and many houses built by blacks during the late Nineteenth Century. Mr. Smith, however, remembers Cox building this house and explains the chimney by saying that the builder was an "old fashioned" fella who designed the building for his own use.

The main block is 24' long and c. 14 1/2' deep. The room on the east end appears to be an addition measuring 12' x 13'. There is a small hallway between the two.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

| PERIOD | | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | | |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Mike Cox

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

James Smith has been living on this farm for over forty years. The Parrans have owned the farm all of that time. Mr. Smith worked for Ben Parran as a full-time carpenter for over seventeen years keeping the forty-four barns and many tenant houses in good repair. Mr. Smith does not know why this tenant house should be called "Charles Stewart" because he does not recall anyone by that name having lived here, although he does remember Clarence Stewart who lived here for a short while. According to Mr. Smith, Mike Cox built this cabin to replace another one which burned. Cox was also a carpenter for Ben Parran, and Mr. Smith remembers him building this little house.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY Description and significance statements: Wayne Nield DO

NAME / TITLE

Ms. Merry Stinson

ORGANIZATION

DATE

March 1, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

Route 5 Box 262B

TELEPHONE

757-2815

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis,

STATE

Maryland 21401

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

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James Smith Cabin

~~TEENANT HSS~~
~~CHAS. STEWART~~

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May 15, 1972

Cassandra Parren executrix
of the Estate of Benjamin
Parren

Cassandra Parren
James Thompson Briscoe III
Benjamin Parren Jr.
Harold A. Crane
John Prouty

All grantee obtained land from Last Will and Testament of Benjamin Parren
died 26th day of December 1967 GLH 5/39

#1 Land known as the Rawlings farm near Wallville, being land that Benjamin
Parren Jr. obtained from Florence J. Rawlings and William M. Rawlings deed
dated March 23, 1929 88 ac.

#2 Gross farm, being land that Benjamin Parren Jr. obtained from John A. Monnett
Treasurer deed dated 18th day of February 1937.
35 ac.

#3 Gross Farm, land that Benjamin Parren Sr. obtained from Trustees of Alexander
Church of Brook Circuit of the Methodist Episocal Church deed dated 18th day of
July 1903. Benjamin Parren Sr. devise to his son Benjamin Parren Jr. under his
Last Will and Testament JWH 2/317
3/4 ac.

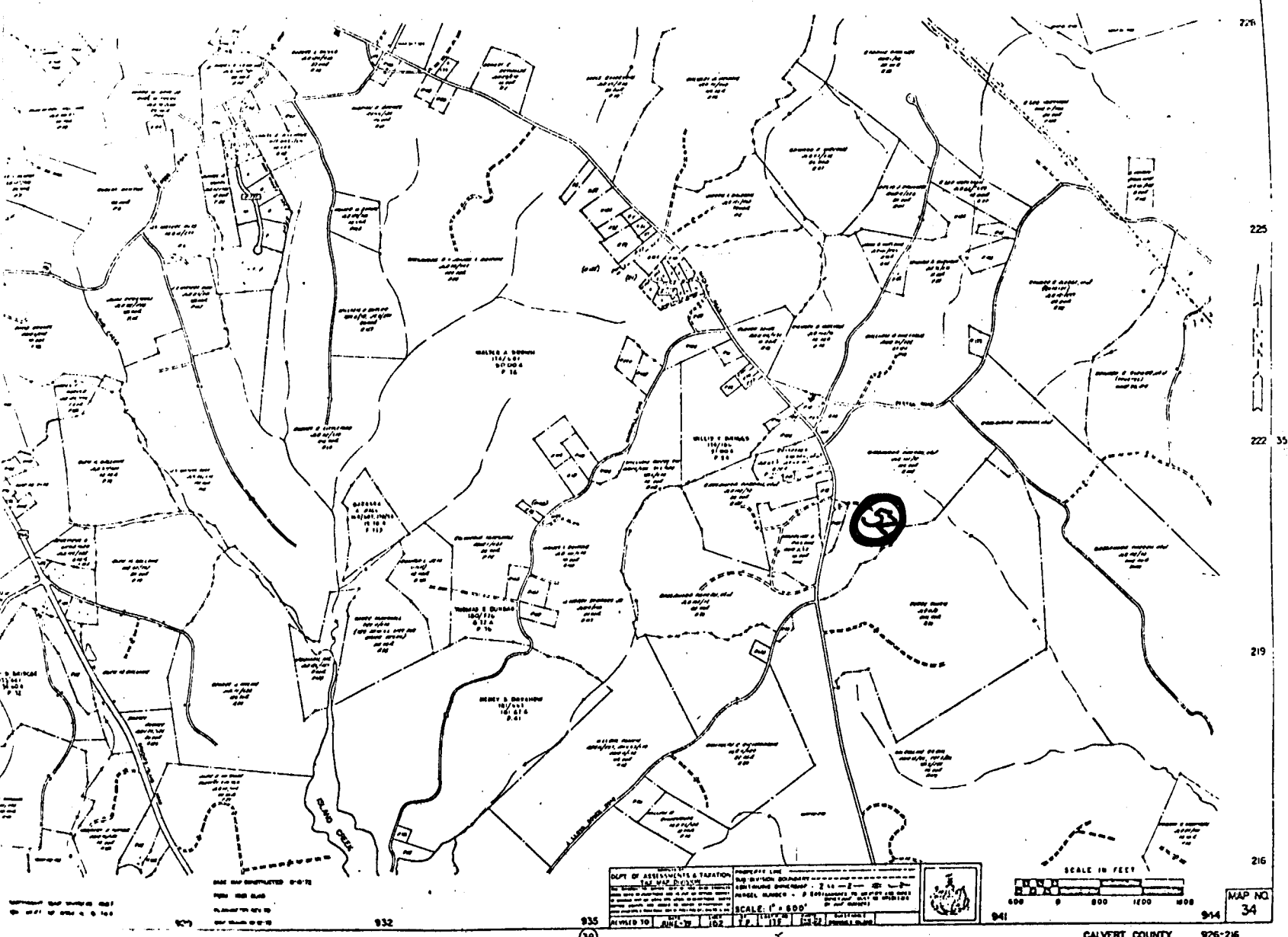
#4 Sollers Parren Farm near Wallville, and that Benjamin Parren Sr. obtained from
Nathaniel D. S. Parren and Mattie B. Parren July 27, 1908

#5 Chesnut Hill Farm, Benjamin Parren Jr. to A. L. Hannum June 18, 1938

#6 Benjamin Parren Jr. and Cassandra Parren to Janes J. Resh.

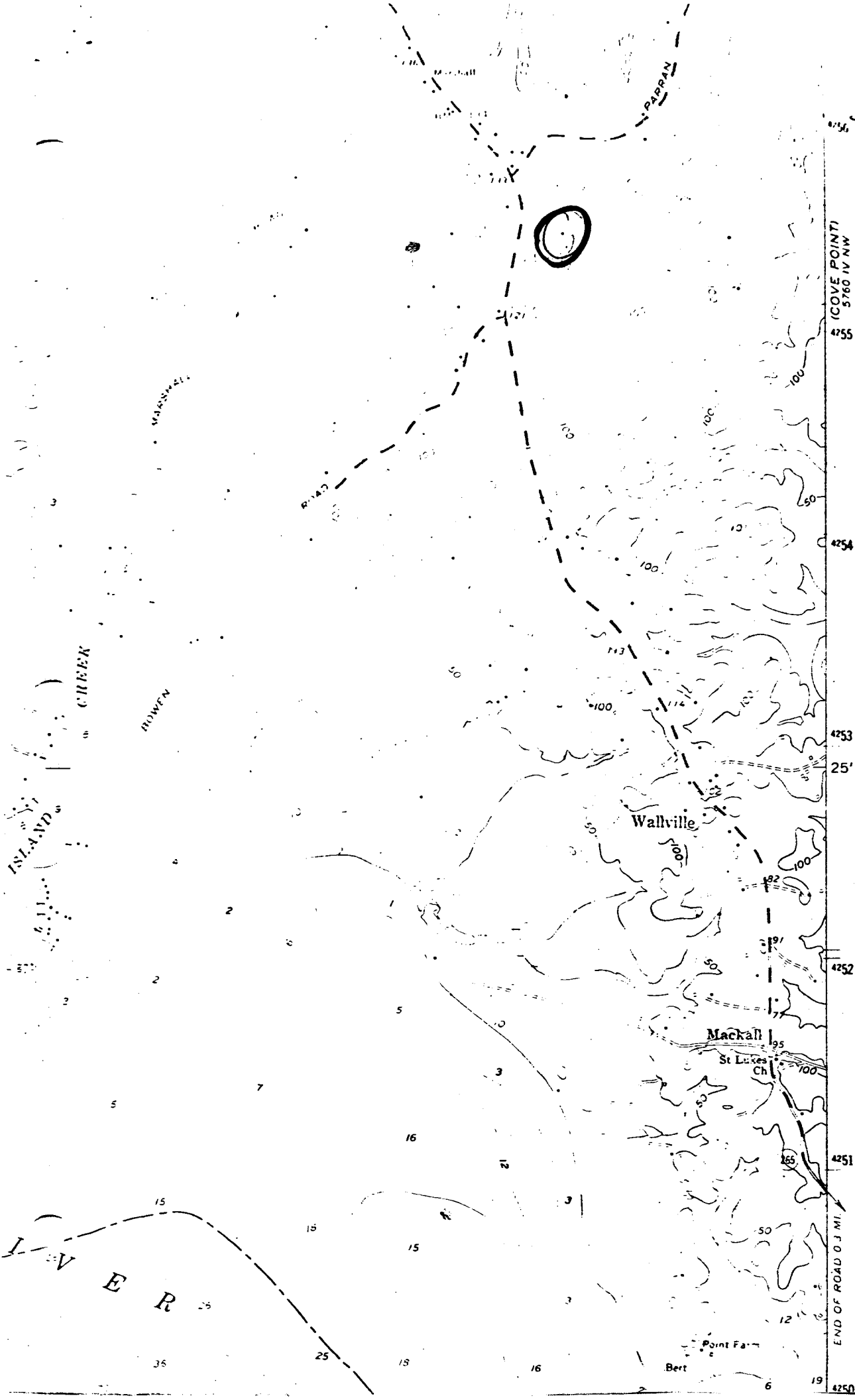
52 Cha Lee Stewart

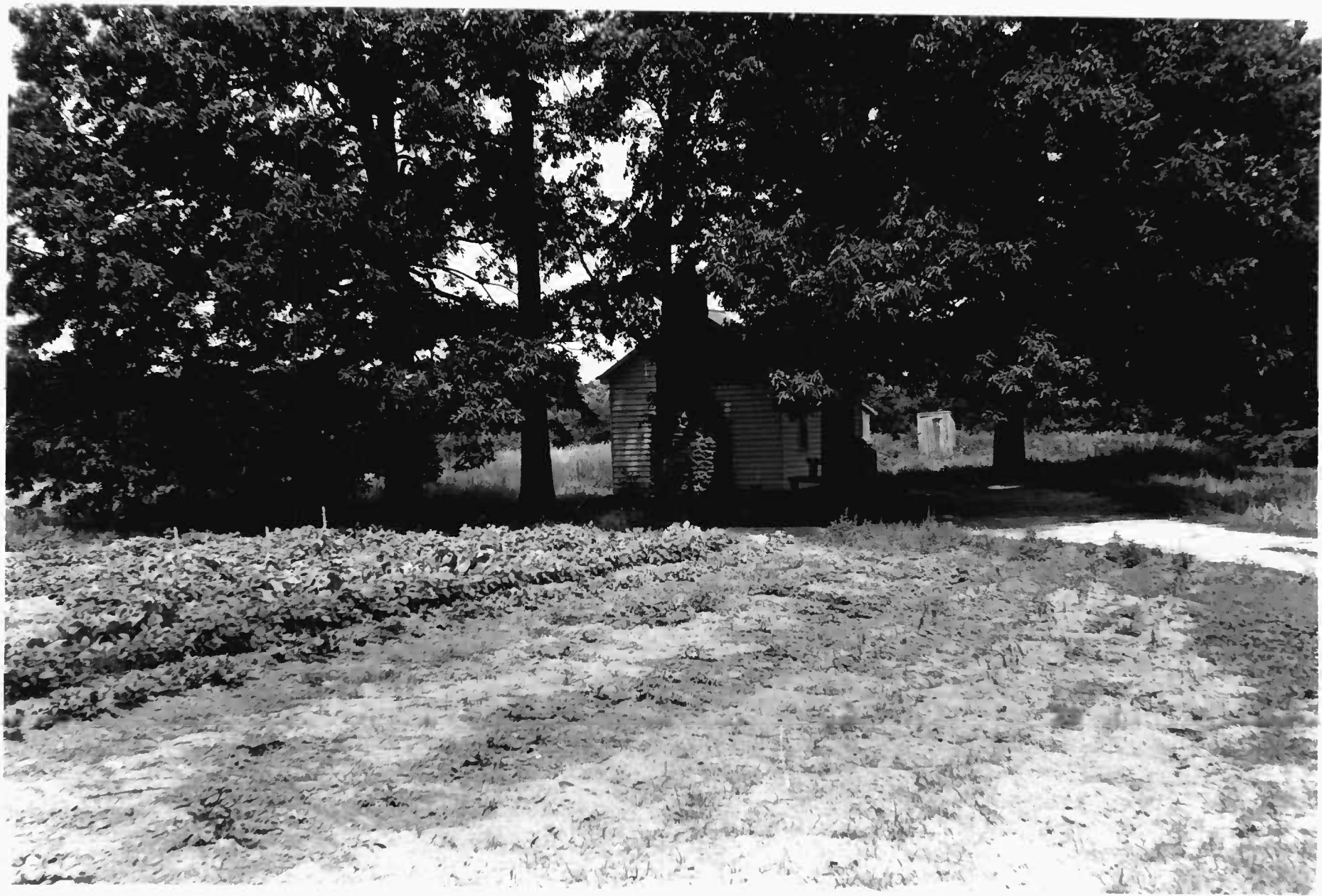
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CT-52
James Smith
Cabin





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CT-52
Chas Stewart House



CLVT-62
James Smith Cabin
~~Charles Stewart~~
~~House~~
S.W.

Wayne Nield
Jul. '77



CLUT-52
James Smith Cabin
~~Charles Stewart~~
~~House~~
N.

Wayne Nield
Jul. '77



CLVT. 52

James Smith Cabin

~~Charles Stewart~~

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W.

Wayne Wield

Jul' 77